

***Bipartisan bill would name Post Office in Gallipolis, Ohio***

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) introduced legislation to honor Ohio's own Bob Evans, who created one of the most recognized names in the food industry, by naming a post office after him in Gallipolis, Ohio, site of his family farm. The Post Office at 440 2nd Ave. in Gallipolis would be known as the "Bob Evans Post Office Building." Bob Evans was born on May 20, 1918 in Sugar Ridge and grew up in Gallia County in Southeast Ohio. In 1948, he started his own sausage business operating out of his family farm. The company soon expanded to the Bob Evans Farms Inc. and by 1957 Bob Evans sausage was being delivered to nearly 1,800 locations.

Evans' success continued when the company expanded again in 1964 to include the famous Bob Evans Restaurants, which first opened its doors in Chillicothe, Ohio. Since the 1970s, the Bob Evans Restaurant has expanded to over 600 locations around the country.

In 1986, Bob Evans retired after 33 years as director and president of the Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Through his life he continued to remain active in land and wildlife conservation, as well as promoting progressive farming practices. In addition, he was instrumental in preserving the Spanish Barb mustang, a breed of wild horse that was threatened by extinction. He has received countless awards for his dedication to wildlife preservation, including the Ohio Governor's Award.

The legislation is cosponsored by the following members of the Ohio congressional delegation:

Rep. Jean Schmidt (R-02)  
Rep. Mike Turner (R-03)  
Rep. Bob Latta (R-5)  
Rep. David Hobson (R-07)  
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-09)  
Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-10)  
Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-11)  
Rep. Betty Sutton (D-13)  
Rep. Steve LaTourette (R-14)  
Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-15)  
Rep. Ralph Regula (R-16)  
Rep. Tim Ryan (D-17)  
Rep. Zack Space (D-18)

"On June 21, 2007 we lost an entrepreneurial hero who embodied the American dream," Wilson said. "On the first anniversary of his death, I'm proud to honor Mr. Evans this way."